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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9907

SMITHSONIAN OBSERVATORY CAMBRIDGE MASS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:EGEN, TGEN, PE

SUBJECT: LANDSLIDE IN THE MANTARO RIVER

REF: SMITHSONIAN OBSERVATORY CAMBRIDGE MASS CABLE R 292115Z

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1. ON APRIL 26, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 AM (LOCAL TIME), A HUGE LANDSLIDE OCCURRED ALONG THE MANTARO RIVER FORMING A DIKE BLOCKING THE RIVER FLOW. THIS TOOK PLACE IN A GENERALLY UNPOPULATED AREA AT THE 125 KILOMETER POINT ON THE HUANCAYO-AYACUCHO HIGHWAY, APPROXIMATELY 380 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF LIMA. THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC DAMAGE, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL SMALL VILLAGES AND CAMPS WERE DESTROYED DUE TO THE BACK-UP OF WATER. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT 80-220 PEOPLE HAVE DISAPPEARED, THAT A LAKE 40 KILOMETERS LONG HAS BEEN FORMED, AND THAT THE LEVEL OF THIS LAKE IS NOW 180 METERS OVER THE RIVER BED.

2. ACCORDING TO COL. ARTURO LA TORRE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE, AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE AND CURRENT SITUATION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, WHEN THE TECHNICAL TEAMS SENT FROM LIMA REPORT THEIR FINDINGS.

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3. EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THIS SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL

REPORT DETAILS AS THEY BECOME KNOWN.

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